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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action rendered September 19, 2000.

It is timely in view of the Request for Extension of Time submitted concurrently herewith. Kindly amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A freshening cosmetic composition comprising from about 0.01% to about 2% by weight menthol and from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight menthyl lactate, the menthol/menthyl lactate ratio lying in the range from about 1/3 to about 1/10, and being such that the odor of the menthol is barely perceptible, said composition not being irritating, in particular for the sensitive parts of the human body.
2. A composition according to claim 1 said menthol/menthyl lactate ratio lies in the range from about 1/6 to about 1/4.
3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.01% to about 0.5% by weight of menthol and from about 0.25% to about 1% by weight of menthyl lactate.